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SUBJECT: SCHEME FOR RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES
IN BOLIVIA

REF: (A) BANGKOK 23111; (B) LA PAZ 4355; (C) BANGKOK 14362

1. SUMMARY: DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS AMEMBASSY BANGKOK'S RE-
COMMENDATION PER REF A, PARA 5 AND REQUESTS THAT U. S.
MISSION GENEVA (HA) APPROACH UNHCR WITH VIEW TO SECURING
THAT OFFICE'S ASSESSMENT OF SUBJECT PROJECT. HOPEFULLY
UNHCR WILL AGREE TO HAVE ONE OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN
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LATIN AMERICA VISIT BOLIVIA IN ORDER TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS
OF PROPOSED PROJECT AND DEVELOP APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.
IN VIEW OF ICEM'S EXPERIENCE WITH SIMILAR PROJECTS FOR
BENEFIT OF MIGRANTS IN LATIN AMERICA, UNHCR MIGHT BE WELL
ADVISED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ICEM IN DEVELOPING ASSESSMENT.
END SUMMARY.

2. FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY -- AN AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCY -- HAS LAID PLANS FOR A RESETTLEMENT PROJECT FOR HMONG REFUGEES IN BOLIVIA. THE PROPOSED SITE IS A 20,000 HECTARE SITE IN A LOWER LYING REGION SOME DISTANCE FROM LA PAZ. PRELIMINARY AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED WITH THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE FIRST REFUGEES ARE DUE TO DEPART THAILAND

FOR BOLIVIA IN AUGUST.

3. IF THE REFUGEE POPULATION OF MORE THAN 100,000 IN THAILAND IS TO BE BROUGHT DOWN TO A LEVEL WHICH THE THAI GOVERNMENT MIGHT CONSIDER ACCEPTABLE FOR LOCAL SETTLEMENT IN THAILAND, CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL NUMBERS WILL HAVE TO BE RESETTLED OUTSIDE THAILAND. ALTHOUGH ONE CAN ENTERTAIN SUBSTANTIAL QUESTIONS ABOUT ITS VIABILITY, PROJECTS SUCH AS THAT PROPOSED FOR BOLIVIA ARE POTENTIALLY VERY SIGNIFICANT IN HELPING TO RESOLVE THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROBLEM.

4. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE USG TO ASSIST THROUGH THE UNHCR WITH THE FUNDING OF THE TRANSPORT OF THESE REFUGEES TO BOLIVIA. IN THE FUTURE, CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER PROJECT COSTS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED. BEFORE SUCH ASSISTANCE CAN BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED, HOWEVER, THE USG WOULD NEED TO BE SATISFIED THAT THE PROJECT IN ITS MAIN OUTLINE IS SOUND AND POTENTIALLY VIABLE FOR A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFUGEES. WE WOULD ALSO WISH TO AVOID THE ADVERSE NEGATIVE EFFECTS WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM A FAILURE OF THE PROJECT. SUCH A FAILURE WOULD DAMPEN OTHER POTENTIAL INTEREST IN AGRARIAN RESETTLEMENT FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES AND ELSEWHERE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

5. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BOTH DEVELOPMENTAL FACTORS AND THE FUTURE LEGAL STATUS AND PROTECTION OF THESE REFUGEES IN BOLIVIA. IN SUM, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE UNHCR IS NOW PREPARED TO SPONSOR THIS PROJECT AND ITS EVALUATION OF THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS.

6. WE NOTE CONTENTS OF LA PAZ 6555 AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS EMBASSY MAY HAVE. VANCE

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